# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF MAHABODHI TEMPLE IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether UNESCO has included Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhgaya in the world heritage list;

(b) If so, the financial grant earmarked for its maintenance annually;

(c) whether the Government has tried to get other historically important places included in the world heritage list; and

(d) if so, the details and results thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahabodhi Temple complex at Bodhgaya is not a centrally protected monument. Its annual maintenance is looked after by the Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee, of which the District Magistrate is the Chairman.The Archaeological Survey of India has taken up structural repairs on deposit work basis, at the request of the State Government.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. 16 Cultural Sites from India have already been inscribedin the World Heritage List, and 2 more sites have been nominated for inscription in the list for the cycle starting February 2002 and February 2003 respectively.